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## **Are You Ready For Thanksgiving?** **ReadyWisconsin has simple tips to keep the holiday safe**

(MADISON) – Winter may officially start in four weeks but it is already here in full force. We may encounter snow, ice and cold as we travel for Thanksgiving. ReadyWisconsin wants you and your family to be safe. Follow these simple travel and holiday tips that can save you from heartaches, headaches and potential dangers.

### **On the road**

- Check the roads: Before you leave, get the latest Wisconsin road conditions at [www.511wi.gov](http://www.511wi.gov) or call 511
- Keep gas in the tank: Have at least a half tank of gas in your car in case you are stranded or stuck and need to run your heater
- Have a winter emergency kit: Keep a kit in your vehicle with candles and matches, a flashlight, pocket knife, snacks, a cell phone adapter, a blanket and extra clothing. For a complete list and a chance to win a kit, go to <http://ReadyWisconsin.wi.gov>.

### **In the air**

- If you're checking a bag, make your life simple by packing liquids in your checked baggage. That way, you don't have to worry about the liquids rules.
- If you carry liquids in your carry-on you're allowed to take as many 3.4 ounce or less sized containers that will fit in one sealed clear quart-sized zip-top bag – and one bag per person. Make sure you take the zip-top bag out of your carry-on prior to sending it through the X-ray.

### **Thanksgiving Day Fire Danger**

- Each year more than 4,000 fires occur on Thanksgiving Day
- Leading cause of fires: unattended cooking
- Make sure all stoves, ovens and ranges are turned off when you leave the kitchen
- Set timers to keep track of turkeys and other food items that require extended cooking times
- Follow all manufacturer guidelines regarding the appropriate use of appliances including turkey fryers
- Keep potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, and other items away from your stovetop

### **Accidents Happen, Be Ready**

- Cooking-related burns are common at Thanksgiving. Save the butter for the rolls and not a burn. For superficial burns, cool the area by running cold water on the burn until the heat eases, then loosely cover the burn with a sterile dressing. Seek appropriate medical care.

For additional Thanksgiving safety tips, visit <http://ReadyWisconsin.wi.gov>. You can also check out Midwest road conditions and airport delays. Follow us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/readywisconsin](http://www.facebook.com/readywisconsin)) and Twitter ([www.twitter.com/readywisconsin](http://www.twitter.com/readywisconsin)) throughout the year for tips and emergency information.